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Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Friday 1st October 2021

Where did September go? And, it seems that Autumn arrived over night! This has not damped the spirits of our staff and pupils who have had a very busy and exciting week. We held our first Family Fitness Friday, Headteacher tea party of this year, Harvest Festival and phonics meeting for parents, not to mention our fantastic curriculum learning that the pupils have been engaged in! Everyone deserves a well-earned rest this week, ready for another busy week next week!

House Captains

We are very excited to be announcing our House Captains and Vice Captains next week. The pupils were very courageous in presenting their speeches and being videoed for the whole school to watch, and were able to carefully articulate why they would be a good House Captain/Vice Captain. Well done to all those pupils who put themselves forward and worked hard at their presentations!

Pupil Parliament

Following our successful Y5/6 Parliament Workshops, we will be inviting pupils to launch their own 'party' from next week which will include creating a manifesto with the ultimate aim of becoming Halfpenny Lane's very first 'Pupil Parliament'. We hope that you will help us encourage and support the children with their efforts.

Family Fitness Friday

Thank you for all those family members who gave up their time to join us on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed the morning, as much as we enjoyed you being part of it!

Our Y3/4 Family Fitness Friday event is due to take place at 9:15 on Friday 22nd October – we look forward to seeing you there!

Cake Sale

I would like to thank our Y3/4 parents in advance for providing cakes, biscuits and buns (home-baked or bought) on Tuesday 5th October.

Goodies will be available for purchase from 3:20 on the playground (weather permitting). We will let you know how Y3/4 decide to spend the money raised!

Cross Country Week

Each year group will take part in their cross-country event on a different day next week. Teachers will let you know when their class will need their P.E. uniform, in addition to our usual Fitness Friday, when they will come to school in their P.E uniform.

Y5 Learning Festival

Our Y5 pupils are in the process of planning their upcoming 'Learning Festival' at 9:15 on 14th October. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the pupils to share their learning with you as well as have an informal chat over a cuppa! We hope you are able to join us!

Parents' Evening

We hope you have all managed to book your slot for parents' evening next week. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have experienced any difficulties in arranging this.

Halfpenny Values - Courage

Please see the attached information to help with supporting your child with learning about this term's value, whilst



at home:

HALL OF FAME

Bravery v. Slavery

Harriet Tubman was born nearly 200 years ago in Maryland, USA. Her family were slaves which means that they had to work for the people who 'owned' them. Slaves had no pay and no rights and they could be bought or sold like property. As Harriet grew older she was afraid that she would be sold and sent far away from her family to work for strangers. She decided to try to escape. This needed great **courage** because Harriet knew that if she was caught she would be cruelly punished. After many adventures and with the help of kind people along the way, Harriet managed to escape to Canada, where slavery was banned.

It would have been safest for Harriet to stay in Canada and make for herself a comfortable and easier life, but she was determined not to forget her family and friends who still suffered as slaves in America. She made her way back and forth to Maryland not once, but *nineteen times*, facing great danger and showing amazing bravery as she helped slaves to escape to freedom. By the end of her life Harriet had helped to free around 300 slaves!

After her death Harriet received many honours for her bravery. A ship was named after her, and in 1995 the US government issued a postage stamp to celebrate her **courageous** life.

FASCINATING FACTS

In case of emergency – Dial 999

"Help...my house is on fire!"

"Help....there's been an accident!"

"Help.... burglars are breaking into the house over the road!"

- The emergency number, 999, was introduced in London in 1937.
- In an emergency, phoning 999 will connect you quickly to an 'emergency control centre'. An operator will ask which service you need, fire, ambulance or police. The operator will be able to track your call to discover where you are and soon help will be on its way.
- Firefighters, police and ambulance crew all risk their own lives on occasions to help other people who are in danger.
- Additional emergency services operate in some places such as mountain and cave rescue, coast guards, air sea rescue.
- Over 30 million 999 calls are made each year.
- About half of all calls are hoaxes. Not only do hoax callers break the law, they put people's lives in danger as it takes longer for real emergencies to be dealt with.

Young Voices

I would just like to take the opportunity to clarify the arrangements for Young Voices:

- Pupils who are part of our Young Voices choir do not need a ticket – this is a trip paid for by the school. Tickets are only needed for parents/carers/family members who will be watching the evening show
- The show for parents begins at 6:00pm. Pupils will already be at the stadium as we leave school at lunchtime for an afternoon rehearsal at the stadium.
- We will transport pupils back to school by coach, after the concert.
- T-shirts will be delivered to school in December. We usually keep T-shirts at school until the day of the concert (so they don't get lost prior to the concert).

Harvest Festival

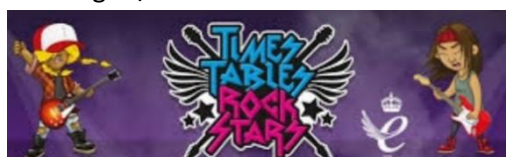
We thoroughly enjoyed our Harvest Festival this morning which was led by two of our Y6 pupils. Our Key Stage 1 pupils shared their acrostic poems, songs and 'things to be thankful for', which we all thoroughly enjoyed. A huge 'thank you' for being so generous with your donations. We were overwhelmed with the charity shown by you all and it really did exemplify our 'community' value that we are trying to promote!

Reporting Absence

Please can I remind parents to report pupil absence by using 'option 1' on the phones. These messages are picked up first thing in the morning which allows us to establish the reason for your child's absence. Please do not leave an absence message as a 'general' message, as there is no guarantee that this will be picked up first thing in the morning. Thank you.

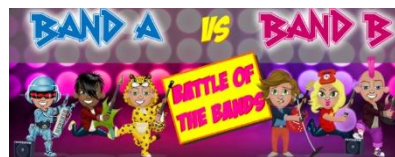
Weekly Challenges

Well done to all of our amazing children this week on continuing to work hard and participate in our weekly challenges / battles. Please see the results below:



Children with the most correct answers over the past 7 days:

1 st	Sophie O	5W
2 nd	Isabella C	5W
3 rd	Skye D	5H



	Class
1P V 1T	1T
2S V 2A	2A
3W V 3G	3W
4HW V 4W	4W
5H V 5W	5W
6D V 6W	6W

Reading challenge

Well done to all of our children for working incredibly hard on their reading this week. Our reading challenge has been extremely close between the classes this week so continue to try your best and read at least 4 times each week to help your class win. The winning classes this week are 1T, 2A, 3G, 4W, 5H, 6D



Celebration



In every single lesson, our children wow us! They work so hard and demonstrate the best attitude to their learning. However, some catch the eye of their teachers and have been chosen for the pupil of the week award! Well done to the children chosen this week!

Class	Child of the week!	Class	Child of the week!
RB	Evan W	3W	Lennon D
RBM	Reggie S	4W	William G
1T	Chloe G	4HW	Millie M
1P	George C	5H	Lincoln C
2S	Blake M	5W	Eli S/Jake H
2A	Dylan S	6D	Holly G
3G	Laya T	6W	Ella S

Attendance

Attendance really matters! If a child is not in school then they are missing out on important learning opportunities. Our aim is to have a whole class attendance of above 97%. If your child is ill and unable to attend, please telephone school and leave a message on the absence line (option 1).

We are over the moon with the improvement in our school attendance, with almost every class either meeting or exceeding our school target!

	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RB	100	4HW	99.3
RBM	99.7	4W	98.8
1T	98.8	5H	96.3
1P	98.8	5W	95.0
2S	97.6	6D	97.5
2A	96.8	6W	98.2
3G	98.7	Whole School total	97.9
3W	98.8	Cumulative total	97.9

Don't forget to follow Halfpenny Lane on Twitter!



For those parents/carers who are not yet aware, you can now follow our school and the Trust on Twitter. Please take a look and see all of the fantastic things that we are doing in school, as well as our other schools across the Trust!

The Halfpenny Lane Twitter feed is: **@halfpennylane**

The Trust Twitter feed is: **@PontefractAT**

Mrs H. McNeill
Headteacher

2021 2022 Termly Events/Activities

Parents/Carers are invited to attend/participate in highlighted events

October

- 1st – 9:50, Y5/6 Family Fitness Friday
- w/B 4th – Cross Country Week
- 5th – 3:30 Y3/4 Cake Sale (please could we request donations of buns/cakes etc from our Y3/4 pupils); Parents' Evening
- 6th – Parents' Evening
- 11th – 6:00 Y6 Northumberland Meeting
- 12th – 9:15 Y6 (6D) and Reception (RB) 'Buddy Assembly', 6:00 Esafety Parent Workshop
- 13th - 9:15 Y6 (6W) and Reception (RBM) 'Buddy Assembly'
- 14th – 9:15, Y5 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 15th – KS2 School Games Cross Country at De Lacy High School
- 19th - 3:30-5:00 Y5/6 Girls Football at A1 Football Factory
- 20th – 9:15, Y6 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 21st - Halloween disco – **4:30-5:30** Y1-Y3 **6:00-7:00** Y4-Y6
- 22nd – 9:50, Y3/4 Family Fitness Friday, Finish for half term holiday

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November

- 1st – Pupils back to school
- 1st – 5th - Parliament Week, Y3/4 Interhouse Football
- 2nd – 6:00 – Y6 Parents SATs Meeting
- 4th – 6:00pm Winter Bingo
- 5th – School Debate (KS2 am, KS1 pm)
- W/B 8th - Y5/6 School Games Girls Football at A1 Football Factory
- 9th – 9:15, Y4 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 15th-19th - Anti-bullying week
- 16th – 6:00 pm, Parents' anti-bullying workshop, 3:30-5:00 Active Curriculum Festival
- 17th – 3:00pm, Reception Parents' Writing Meeting
- 18th - 3:30-5:00 Active Curriculum Festival
- 11th – 10:45 - Remembrance Assembly
- 23rd – 1:30-3:00, KS2 Inclusive Festival at A1 Football Factory
- 25th – 9:15, Y3 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning, 1:30-3:00, KS2 Inclusive Festival at A1 Football Factory
- 22nd – 26th - Enterprise week (creating for Christmas Fayre)
- 30th – 3:30-5:00 y5/6 Dodgeball Tournament

December

- 2nd – 2:00-4:30, 'HPL Light switch on and Christmas Fayre, 4:45 Carols around the Christmas Tree, 30th – 3:30-5:00 y5/6 Dodgeball Tournament
- 7th – 1:30-3:00 Y2 Multi skills
- 9th - 1:30-3:00 Y2 Multi skills
- 10th – Carols in the Community
- 12th – 6:00pm, End of Term Awards Evening and Carol Service
- 15th – Polar Express Day (everyone in pyjamas)
- KS1 nativity
- 6th December – EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal

- 8th – 10:00am and 2:00pm EYFS Nativity
- W/B 13th – Santa Dash Cross Country
- 16th – Pupils Finish for Christmas
- 17th – Staff INSET

January

- 4th – Pupils back to school
- 7th - Young Voices Concert, FLYDSA Arena
- 10th – 2:30, Young Voices Parent Concert, Pupils' Art Gallery
- 19th – 9:15, Y2 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning, 3:00pm Reception Parents' Maths Meeting
- 24th – 9:15-10:30 Grandparents Morning
- 26th – 6:00pm, Parent Workshop (topic to be confirmed)
- 27th - Holocaust Memorial Day (KS2)

February

- 1st – 2:00, Class Singing Competition
- 3rd – 9:15, Year 1 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 9th – 9:15-10:30 'Men Behaving Dadly'
- 14th - Valentines' Disco – **4:30-5:30** Y1-Y3 **6:00-7:00** Y4-Y6
- 17th – Spring School Debate
- 18th – Finish for half term
- 28th – Pupils back to school

March

- 1st – 6:00, Easter Bingo
- 3rd – World Book Day (dress up as favourite book character)
- 28th Feb - 7th – Fairtrade Fortnight
- 8th - Masterchef Day (Linked to Fairtrade)
- 9th – 9:15, Y6 Learning Festival and Coffee morning
- 15th – Nursery and Reception Cake Sale, Parents' Evening
- 16th – Parents' Evening
- 30th – 9:15, Y5 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning

April

- 2nd – 1st May – Ramadan
- 5th – 6:00pm, Awards Evening/Festival of Music
- 6th - 9:15-10:30 'Where the Wild Mums Are'
- 8th – Finish for Easter
- 25th – Pupils back to school
- 27th-29th – Y5 Residential visit to London

May

- 2nd – School closed
- 3rd-20th – KS1 assessments
- 9th-13th – Y6 SATs week
- 12th – HPL Got Talent
- 13th – Sports Day and Parents' Picnic and Y4/5 Cake Sale
- 16th - 9:15, Y4 Learning Festival and coffee morning
- 17th - HPL Got Talent Finals
- 27th – finish for half term

June

- 6th – Pupils return to school
- 6th-24th – Y4 statutory multiplication check, KS1 statutory phonics screening
- 8th – 9:15 Y3 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 10th – Sports Day and Parents' Picnic Reserve Day
- Y6 residential visit
- 14th – 6:00, Parent Workshop (topic to be confirmed)
- 16th – 9:15, Y2 Learning Festival and Coffee Morning
- 20th – 3:30, Y3 and Y6 Cake Sale
- 24th-25th - Summer camp
- 30th – 9:15am RBM Outdoor Workshop, 2:00pm RB Outdoor Workshop

July

- 8th – 3:30, Summer Fayre
- 12th - Summer production dress rehearsal
- 13th – 1:30pm, Summer production matinee performance, 9:15-Reception EYFS Graduation Assembly
- 14th – 6:00pm, Summer production evening performance
- 19th – 23rd – Eid-al-Adha
- 20th – 9:30 End of Year Awards
- 21st – 2:00, Y6 Leavers Service, Pupils finish for summer